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WASHINGTON, Oct. 10 (UPI)—THE U.S. CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY'S CHIEF IN SAIGON, VICTOR HAN, WAS DESCRIBED BY INFORMED OFFICIALS TODAY AS THE VICTIM OF "GUILTS BY ASSOCIATION" WITH STRONGMAN NOO DINH HUU.

PRESIDENT KENNEDY, AT HIS NEWS CONFERENCE YESTERDAY, VINDICATED HAN AGAINST CHARGES THAT IT WAS FOLLOWED AN UNDESIRABLE POLICY. HE SAID THE CHARGES WERE "UNFAIR" AND "WHOLLY UNTRUE."

"I CAN JUST ASSURE YOU FLATLY," THE PRESIDENT SAID, "THAT THE CIA HAS NOT CARRIED OUT INDEPENDENT ACTIVITIES BUT HAS OPERATED UNDER CLOSE CONTROL OF THE DIRECTOR OF CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE, OPERATING WITH THE COOPERATION OF THE NATIONAL SECURITY BOARD AND UNDER MY INSTITUTION."

KENNEDY PRAISED JOHN W. RICHARDSON, RECENTLY RECALLED AS CIA'S DIRECTOR IN SAIGON, "A VERY DEDICATED PUBLIC SERVANT," BUT HE ALSO WAS THE FIRST OFFICIAL TO REFER IN PUBLIC TO RICHARDSON'S "TRANSFER." EARLIER, REPORTS HAD SAID RICHARDSON WAS BEING CALLED HOME FOR "CONSULTATION."

INFORMED SOURCES HERE SAID THAT THE RECENT UPROAR OVER CIA'S ACTIVITIES IN VIET NAM stemmed AT LEAST IN PART FROM AN AGENCY RELATIONSHIP WITH THE VIETNAMESE GOV. IN HANOI.

CIA WAS INSTRUMENTAL IN 1961 IN SETTING UP VIET NAM'S "SPECIAL FORCES," AN ELITE MILITARY UNIT SPECIALIZING IN JUNGLE-GUERRILLA WARFARE.

THOUGH TECHNICALLY PART OF THE VIETNAMESE ARMY, THE UNIT TOO, WITH ORDERS, MORE OR LESS DIRECTLY FROM THE PALACE, WENT THROUGH A SERIES OF ORIGINAL STAFFS, WHICH KEPT ITS OPERATIONS AS SECRET AS POSSIBLE.

WHILE THE PALACE, WHOSE POSITION BEHIND THE SCENES WAS NOT TAKEN A SINGLE MOMENT BY THE SPECIAL FORCES, THE CIA MAINTAINED CLOSE LIAISON WITH THE UNIT. THE LIAISON WAS HANDLED IN LIAISON WITH THE CIA AND VICE-RICHARDSON, WHOSE PUBLIC TITLE WAS FIRST SECRETARY OF THE U.S. EMBASSY.

ON AUG. 2, WHEN THE OPERATIONS OVERLAPPED, SAIGON'S SPECIAL FORCES UNIT OF THE SPECIAL FORCES TOOK PART, BECOMING IN EFFECT A PHILANTHROPY.

IN THE MEETING, THE POLITICAL GROUP, FROM THROUGHOUT THE U.S. GOVT., HAD A REPORT AGAINST COMMUNISM, U.S. GOVT. STATIONED IN SAIGON ENTIRELY DE-ARMED AND IN THE INTERESTS AND, BECAUSE OF THE ASSOCIATION, MANY OF THEM ALSO DENOUNCED RICHARDSON.

THE FIRST WAVE OF PRESS DISPATCHES FROM SAIGON BLENDED A GOOD PART OF CIA'S OPERATIONS INTO THE OPERATIONS OF RICHARDSON'S EMBASSY "GOVT." SUBSEQUENT CHARGES USED THE CIA OF "INFLUENCING."

KENNEDY HINTED YESTERDAY THAT A CONTINUING OVERLAP OF CIA'S ACTIVITIES WAS STILL GOING ON IN VIET NAM. HE SAID THE WHITE HOUSE, CIA, THE DEFENSE AND STATE DEPARTMENTS